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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	James Alpert	3624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |



DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 05/28/2004.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 09/14/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

1. Claim 1 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (3 uses).

Claim 1 does not indicate where the letter a in parenthesis, "(a)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

Claim 1 does not indicate where the letter n in parenthesis, "(n)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (1 use).

2. Claim 2 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

3. Claim 7 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

4. Claim 9 is labeled as "Original" when in fact it should be labeled "Currently Amended", in that the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", has been deleted.

5. Claim 10 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

6. Claim 11 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (3 uses).

Claim 11 does not indicate where the letter a in parenthesis, "(a)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

Claim 11 does not indicate where the letter n in parenthesis, "(n)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (1 use).

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7. Claim 12 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

Claim 12 does not indicate where the letter a in parenthesis, "(a)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

Claim 12 does not indicate where the letter n in parenthesis, "(n)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (1 use).

8. Claim 13 does not indicate where the letter Z in parenthesis, "(Z)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (3 uses).

Claim 13 does not indicate where the letter a in parenthesis, "(a)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (2 uses).

Claim 13 does not indicate where the letter n in parenthesis, "(n)", was previously indicated, and is now deleted, as currently amended (1 use).

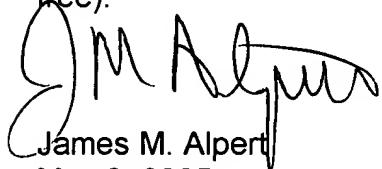
Conclusion

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Alpert whose telephone number is (571) 272-6738. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-0315.

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